

Applicant: Takao Tsuruoka
Application No.: 10/630,438

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application contains claims 16, 17, 19, 21-25, 28, 30, 31 and 35-46. Claims 28, 30 and 31 have been amended. Claims 1-15, 18, 20, 26-27, 29 and 32-34 are cancelled. Claims 1, 15, 33 and 34 were cancelled by a previous Amendment. Claims 2-14, 18, 20, 26, 27, 29 and 32, which were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention, have been cancelled and will be made the subject of a divisional application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 16, 17, 19-25 and 35-46.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §101

It is noted that claims 28, 30 and 31 are free of any prior art rejection and, as amended herein, now comply with 35 U.S.C. §101, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of amended claims 28, 30 and 31.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 28, 30 and 31, together with allowed claims 16, 17, 19, 21-25 and 35-46 are earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

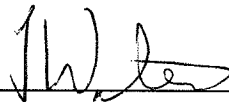
If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 16, 17, 19, 21-25, 28, 30, 31, and 35-46, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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